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Despite Scandals, Observers See Little Chance Of Pruitt's Ouster At EPA

Former EPA officials and others say there is little possibility that Administrator Scott Pruitt's array of ethics and spending scandals will be enough to turn the GOP against him absent a damning investigators' report, but

instead see greater odds for Pruitt to leave the agency voluntarily as soon as the end of the year, likely to run for office.

EPA's Plan To Wait On OSHA Could Stall Facility Safety Update For Years

The Trump administration plan to scrap the Obama-era rule strengthening EPA's facility accident prevention program and wait for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to advance a similar rulemaking could stall changes to facility oversight for the foreseeable future, as OSHA has shelved plans to update its companion rule.

States Aim To Revive 2015 Ozone NAAQS Suit, Fearing No Reconsideration

States opposed to the Obama EPA's 2015 rule tightening the ozone air standard are asking a federal appeals court to revive currently stayed litigation over the standard, saying the Trump administration appears to have backed off possible plans to reconsider the standard and instead proceed with a regular Clean Air Act-mandated review of the limit.

In Rare Loss For EPA, D.C. Circuit Rejects Indiana Site's Superfund Listing

In an unusual loss for EPA, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit has vacated the agency's decision to place an Indiana waste site on the Superfund National Priorities List (NPL), finding that EPA ignored evidence that a contaminated aquifer is not connected to other groundwater.

Suppliers Seek 'Robust' Vehicle GHG Standards With Additional 'Flexibility'

Auto industry suppliers are detailing their call for the Trump administration to embrace "robust" vehicle greenhouse gas and fuel economy standards with more flexibility for automakers, urging agencies to formally seek comment on an "advanced technologies flexibility option" that would recognize California's "critical role" in limiting emissions and possibly prevent years of litigation over the program.

Shimkus Pushes RFS Reform Bill Despite Trump Deal On EPA-Led Changes

Rep. John Shimkus (R-IL), chairman of the energy committee's environment panel, says he is pushing ahead with long-running efforts to craft legislation overhauling EPA's renewable fuel standard (RFS) despite a deal brokered by the White House that will see the agency make several immediate administrative changes to the program.

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Narrow CWA test fails to make the cut as Farm Bill amendment

While the House Rules Committee did not allow a floor vote on the proposed Farm Bill amendment, the language limiting which waters are regulated could still serve as a marker for EPA's upcoming rule.

EPA touts 'renewed emphasis' on self-audit policies

EPA is promoting "opportunities to increase compliance through use of existing self-disclosure policies or tailored programs."

Wehrum sidesteps queries on SAB review of science rule

The EPA air chief's responses to a Democratic lawmaker's questions suggest the agency may urge its science advisors to avoid a review of its controversial rule seeking to block the use of 'secret science.'

Ewire: Amid scandals, Pruitt lawyers up

In today's Ewire: The EPA chief has hired a white-collar defense attorney to advise him as he faces more than a dozen official investigations, and hired another attorney to set up a legal defense fund.

Wehrum strongly hints EPA will not scrap GHG risk finding

EPA's air chief said Administrator Scott Pruitt is trying to find a way to allow critics of the finding have "some voice," but he said there is no "process" to solicit those views and there is no "schedule" to do so.

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